

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6627

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As of January 25, 2010

**Title:** An act relating to authorizing Washington pharmacies to fill prescriptions written by advanced registered nurse practitioners in other states or in certain provinces of Canada.

**Brief Description:** Authorizing Washington pharmacies to fill prescriptions written by advanced registered nurse practitioners in other states or in certain provinces of Canada.

**Sponsors:** Senators Marr, Pflug, Keiser, Benton, Franklin, Fairley, Schoesler, Pridemore, Roach and Parlette.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Health & Long-Term Care: 1/27/10.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

**Staff:** Rhoda Donkin (786-7465)

**Background:** Current law authorizes pharmacists to accept prescriptions from physicians, osteopaths, dentists, podiatrists, and veterinarians licensed in any state or province of Canada that shares a common border with Washington State. Prescriptions written by advanced registered nurse practitioners in these areas cannot be filled by pharmacists. This mostly impacts residents of Clark and Spokane counties who may cross into Oregon or Idaho to seek health care. When they return home and need prescriptions or refills from their own pharmacies, they are denied if the practitioner was an ARNP from another state or a province of Canada.

**Summary of Bill:** Pharmacists are authorized to accept prescriptions written by a licensed advanced registered nurse practitioner in any province of Canada or state of the United States that shares a common border with the state of Washington.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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